



**Churches of St James,
St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew**

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**Services for Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Day**

St James

8am Said Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Revd Ian Gardner

St Giles

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Canon Richard Morgan

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-end

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth; the former things shall not be
remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its
people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a
few days, or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered
a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall
plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not
plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall
the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long
enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for
calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord -
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet
speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall
eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be
dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Psalm 118: 14-24

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become
my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the
righteous:

‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right
hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord
does valiantly.’

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of
the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not
give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may
enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter
through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have
become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the
chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand
that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone
who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to
him. You know the message he sent to the people of
Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of
all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning
in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
with power; how he went about doing good and healing
all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with
him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him
on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us
who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate
and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He
commanded us to preach to the people and to testify
that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living
and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that
everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name.’

Holy Gospel: John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the
stone had been removed from the entrance. So she
came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the
Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they
have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember, Karen, Carol John, Sam, Jane, Paul, Edward, Paul, Phyllida and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble. We ask for your prayers for Betty Clarke, Tony King and Jackie Strange recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve. We pray for Lucy & Laura, Charlie & Lettice, Charlie & Sian and Rebecca & Adam as we read their Banns of Marriage in preparation for their weddings in the coming months.

Post-communion prayer

God of Life,
 who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
 grant us so to die daily to sin,
 that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Live Stream will be from St Giles this week.

The link is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK92JFOmzg>

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Please can you make donations towards the Easter Flowers in St James. BACs bank transfer To: PCC Dursley Fabric Fund
 AC NO; 02391693
 SORT CODE; 30-98-29
 Ref Easter Flowers

This Week

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 23rd April

11am Jackie Strange's memorial service at St James

Thurs 24th April

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 25th April

2pm Tony King's Thanksgiving service at St James

Saturday 26th April

10.30am Coffee, Cake & Music at St James

Services for 27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

Pastoral Care

Please let Revd Juliet (07776910890) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Moya Wallis (01453 861675) and Pat Jones (860696) are happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield.

You can also contact Clare in The Parish office-
ewelmebenefice@gmail.com 07778842060

We will be holding memorial services for two of our licensed readers at St James, next week.

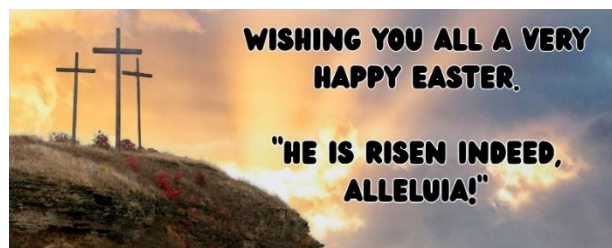
Jackie Strange was a reader for around 7 years in Dursley from 1999 and Tony King for 14 years, from 2011.

Jackie's memorial service will be at 11am on Wednesday 23rd April.

Tony's memorial service will be at 2pm On Friday 25th April.

Link for the live stream is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLpQXKwYO9c>



Ewelme Benefice

St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2025

April 26th

Claire Hobbs

May 31st

June 28th

July 26th

August 30th

September 27th

October 25th

Keith Hearnshaw

Martin Bell

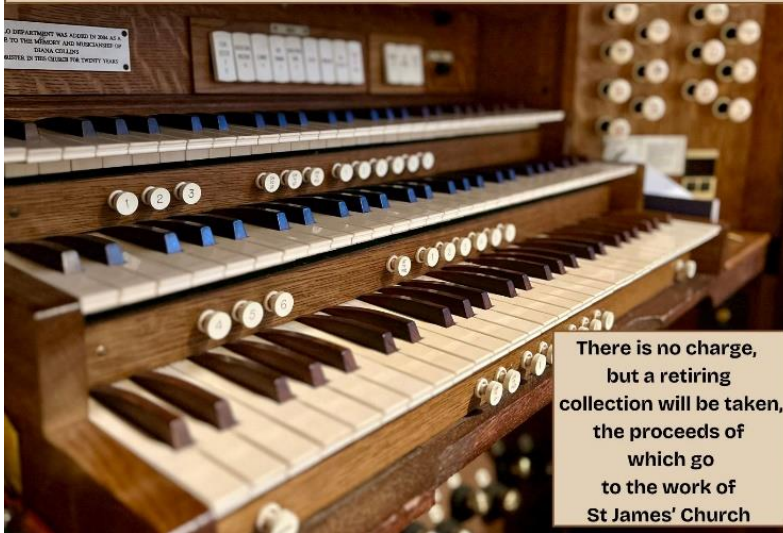
Pavlos Triantaris

John Pennington

Nigel Davies

Jonathan Hope

Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes



There is no charge,
but a retiring
collection will be taken,
the proceeds of
which go
to the work of
St James' Church

St Giles Church

presents

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

Thornbury Clarinet Choir Sunday 18th May at 3pm

A free, short, informal concert in the
church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.